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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Lederberg:

Thank you for your letter of January 8 and for your kind words about your reception here. I can assure you that we were as pleased to have you with us as you were to be here.

I have talked both to Avram Goldstein and to Samson Gross about the matter of the appointment in Biochemistry. One thing I can assure you, although no steps have been taken -- and there will have to be some delay in the appointment -- is that we plan definitely to get a man in basic biochemistry, not in the clinical aspects. Tatum's appointment was a clear preliminary indication, of course. I am on the committee that is making the selection, and I know that the names of both Arthur Kornberg and Bernard Horecker are very high on the list.

I estimate that it may be as long as a full year before an appointment is made, although the final selection and an agreement may be reached before that. As the Medical School will open its doors on the campus in the fall of 1958, the appointment will have to be made well in advance of that time. We realize the importance of your need for adequate facilities for consulting with good biochemists if you decide to come here, and I can assure you that we will hold this very firmly in mind during the discussions of the committee (which is made up primarily of non-clinical people, by the way).

If it does turn out that there is any information that you would like from the administration or from me, you can depend upon prompt attention.

We are all looking forward to Victor's return next month and hope that he manages to get rested from an exhausting autumn when he was running a department, carrying on a research program, and yet trying to make the most of his fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Steere

William C. Steere
Dean, Graduate Division

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